

The Honorable Harold E. Stassen
Director, Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Harold:

I have received the following message from Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson [redacted] Ambassador Johnson and Mr. Charles A. Sullivan, Chief, American Far Eastern Division, Office of Military Affairs, Department of Defense, lunched recently with Mr. David de Traz, who is Chairman of the International Committee of the Red Cross. Mr. de Traz spoke of the work that the Committee was doing in an effort to provide food, clothing and medicine to people living in the Eastern European countries. He spoke of the fact that the Committee was hard pressed for funds and asked Ambassador Johnson if he could assist in any way. He is thinking in terms of \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Ambassador Johnson promised to pass along this request to the appropriate officials in Washington after stating that he was unable to make any commitments himself.

Mr. Sullivan has pointed out that the ICRC sent a large number of relief parcels to U. S. Prisoners of War in Korea for which they received no compensation. He suggested that some assistance to Mr. de Traz might be a suitable way of offsetting the obligation thus incurred.

Ambassador Johnson is satisfied that the ICRC has an effective method of getting parcels to individuals in the Eastern European countries. He states that they are able to get a report on from 80% to 90% of the shipments that are sent in.

I am sending this to you because by its overt nature it appears to me to be something more in the Foreign Operations Agency's field than in our field here in CIA.

O/DCI/[redacted] jck

Sincerely,

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* my basic info - request to advise [redacted]